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APRIL 20: A DAY FOR
ARRESTS, NOT
CELEBRATIONS

MSU Holds
Tuition
Hearing on
Campus

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Throughout the years, April 20 (or 4/20) has slowly become a national holiday in certain followers' lives — those who indulge in illegally smoking marijuana.

The mentioning of 4/20 was very popular nationwide across Facebook and

Twitter profiles for statements such as "Happy Holidaze."

This so-called "holiday" was celebrated by many people across the nation, even by students at Montclair State University.

"The University Police recognized that April 20 has increasingly become a date where the use of marijuana is 'celebrated,'" Lieutenant Kieran Barrett said.

Montclair State University Police Department arrested eight different people for the illegal use of marijuana. The arrests occurred in Bohn Hall, Freeman Hall and Fenwick Hall.

One of these arrests also included a criminal mischief charge. One of the students was caught tampering with a fire alarm system, so it would not react to the smoke within the room.

which led to a safer atmosphere for "those who make healthy choices."

"Fellow students reported suspicious activity throughout the day, in what I must imagine is a stance for not putting up with it in their home," Barrett said.

Michael Capelao, a sophomore, believes that "it

constructed a 'holiday' for smoking marijuana."

While many people look forward to every 4/20 of the year, many believe that it is an "overrated and pointless" day.

Marisa Tota, sophomore, said, "I think that it is pointless, because people are going to smoke weed every

so why do we make an entire day out of it? It's just advertising something that is wrong."

Sophomore Leah McClish wants to know why there is a day dedicated to smoking marijuana.

"I mean, people who want to smoke, smoke whenever they want to anyway. So to me, why make it a holiday?

That's like making drinking alcohol a national holiday. If you want to drink or smoke, you're going to do it any day you want."

Tracy Hunt, also a sophomore, does not have much of an

Barrett also said that campus residents were very "vigilant" throughout the day,

is disenhearting American culture

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Nicole Simonetti
News Editor

Montclair State University opened the Sprague Library Archives to give everyone access to the institution's history. Judith Lin Hunt, dean of library services, said, "It was a wonderful day for the history of the university."

Hunt also said that Montclair State always had archives for its history, but now the location that holds them is much larger. The expanded location will enable the organization of the archives to be much easier.

Paul Martinez, librarian archivist of MSU, put a lot of work into the educational project. "It was something that was in planning for a while," he said. He also referred to the opening of the archives as the opening of a project.

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(From left to right) Judith Lin Hunt, Paul Martinez, James Bruns and Rocky cut the ribbon to the new Sprague Library Archives.

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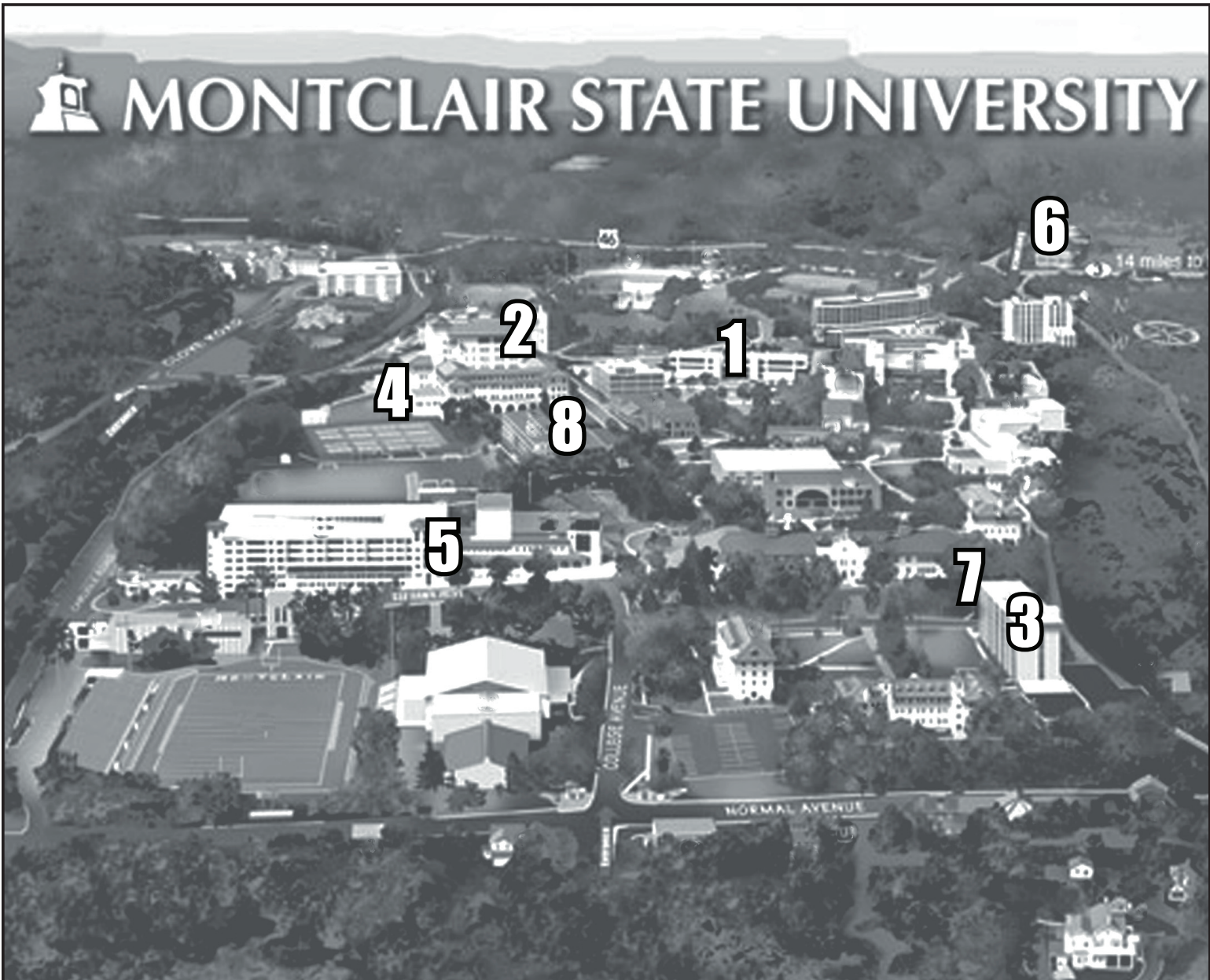
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Pelican Police Report



- 1 On April 13: A student reported the theft of his backpack and its contents left unsecured outside of the Student Center.
- 2 On April 14: A student reported the theft of her wallet and its contents while in University Hall.
- 3 On April 14: A student reported being harassed by a known suspect while in Freeman Hall. The victim refused to file criminal charges.
- 4 On April 14: An MSU employee reported the theft of mulch by a known suspect in Lot 28. The mulch was returned and criminal charges are not being pursued.
- 5 On April 15: A student reported the theft of her parking hangtag from her unsecured vehicle parked in Lot T1.
- 6 On April 16: A student reported the theft of his mobile phone left unsecured in the Recreation Center.
- 7 On April 16: Seven laptop computers, one mobile phone and one iPod were reported stolen from unsecured residences in Freeman Hall.
- 8 On April 18: A student reported criminal mischief damage to his vehicle parked in Lot 19.

Anyone who has information regarding these incidents is urged to call the police station from any campus phone at T-I-P-S (8477). All calls are strictly confidential.

SGA Notes

- Spring Bash takes place tonight.

- Phi Sigma Pi was chartered this week.

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Corrections

In last week's article "Fires Sweep Campus," the student who was removed from Freeman Hall still attends MSU as a commuter and has not been charged with arson.

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Aside from just the archives being opened, Martinez has other aspirations for them as well. He wants to make the archives more accessible to the students.

He also wants to conserve the status of physical items, such as a scrapbook that was wrapped safely. He wants to preserve materials digitally as well, such as the digital versions of *The Montclarion*.

For example, Martinez preserved an ice cream glass from the Bond House on campus. The Bond House was an ice cream parlor in the 1950s before it became the Center for Child

bers that graduated from Montclair State University. "They all had a good start here," Neill said.

She had relatives that attended Montclair State University when it was named Montclair Normal School. Her family members' graduation years ranged from the 1930s to the 1970s.

Neill considers herself the "genealogist" of the family, because she is very interested in her family's backgrounds.

She intends to gain more information through articles and photographs of those years.

Scanning the pictures to print and sending them out to fellow family members is another task she also hopes to accomplish through the archives.

James Bruns, vice president for university advancement, stated that "documents ultimately reveal the story."

He also believes that having the original of something holds a true power. He is excited to know that documents of MSU will be preserved for decades.

Many of these preserved documents are newspaper clippings, public releases, course catalogs for Montclair State's undergraduates and graduates students, yearbook publications, student newspapers, staff newsletters, etc.

The Sprague Library Archives are currently located in the Multimedia department, on the lower level of the library.

They can only be viewed through appointment with Paul Martinez, due to the fact that many of the items are delicate. You can e-mail Paul Martinez at martinezp@mail.montclair.edu.

"It was a wonderful day for the history of the university."

Judith Lin Hunt
Dean of Library Services

Advocacy.

The Sprague Library Archives are still a work in progress, because a lot of detailed work will go into the organization of them. Martinez wants the archives to be cataloged in "proper ways." If things are cataloged correctly, it will make research much easier.

Martinez anticipates that archaeology classes will compile research on the university's history through the archives.

Not just history researchers will be using those archives though — Wendy Neill, a current student and employee of the Multimedia department, plans on using them as soon as possible.

Neill wants to look up family mem-



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Paul Martinez, MSU archivist, holds a scrapbook that has been wrapped for protective reasons while explaining the physical preserving he will perform for the archives.

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Tuition Hearing

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es and universities,” quoted from the event's pamphlets.

For graduates, MSU charges \$11,682, which is 18 percent less than the most expensive institution and 7 percent less than the average.

Three students spoke to the board, arguing that a tuition increase will hurt all of the students here.

Al-tariq Shabazz, a senior, commented, “I pray that America’s students that wish to press forward are not left out in the cold due to the economic turmoil” in reference to students pursuing higher education.

Ashley Williams, a junior, also spoke to the board. She specifically talked about the stress that students will undergo if tuition is raised, and the fact that the attendance at MSU will decrease possibly.

“If we don’t have enough money to go here, there will be no MSU students,” she said. Both agreed that the meeting was not advertised enough, and that it was unfair.

“As a student, I am aware that Greek week is coming, and that the Hip-Hop artist J. Cole will be on campus, because it's everywhere. The hearing, which is more important than both those events combined, was not promoted with the same vigor and effort,” said Shabazz.

The university’s priorities for the fiscal year 2011 involve additions to the university. More than 35 new faculty are being recruited for the 2010 fall semester.

New degree programs important to the state are being added, and the university will continue design and

construction of academic and residence life construction projects during the coming fiscal year.

The replacement of the university’s obsolete administrative systems will be replaced with an up-to-date suite for student information and advising, financial reporting and human resources, expected to be completed in 2011.

Funding for student financial aid will increase. Funding will be provided to support the cost of the state negotiated unfunded salary increases along with other mandated expenditure increases, and to offset inflationary cost increases.

President Cole spoke to the public about the meetings that she has been attending in Trenton arguing with the legislature about the cut in funding to higher education.

“The legislatures indicated a hearing will be held for the public to talk to the legislature in Trenton, and we will make sure students are informed about the event. Buses will be facilitated from Montclair State University to Trenton to allow students to participate,” said Cole.

She also believes that students and faculty are all in the same boat, when it comes to the argument of tuition increase.

Cole also said that she hopes to be on the buses with the students when they go to Trenton for the hearing.

Though a date has not been set for the hearing yet, Cole insisted that the MSU community will receive information about the event, and wants students reassured of this.



Jillian Knight | The Montclarion

University officials gathered to discuss possible tuition changes for the upcoming year.

Honor Society Scams Find their Way to Montclair State University

David Krouse
STAFF WRITER

“Congratulations! Because of your superior academic performance at Montclair State University, you’ve been invited to join the prestigious society of (Insert some greek name here)!”

Now, to process your membership, simply choose check/money order or credit card ...” You can see where this is going.

On receiving a first “invitation” to join one of these honors societies, one may be genuinely excited and even feel “honored.”

Be naturally suspicious of someone unknown who asks for money. Put your feelings of pride aside and do some research on these organization who wanted to “honor” people.

A simple Google search of the term “honors society” suggested many things, among the first few were “honors society scam.”

After a bit of searching around, there was a discovery that “honors society” scams were a classic scam that target college students all around the world.

The premise is simple. All one has to do is start a corporation with an academic sounding name (in most cases they will use greek letters).

Then, they obtain lists of students’ information, either directly from a school (universities sometimes sell student information) or from social networking sites like Facebook or MySpace.

The company will produce official looking letterheads and mail out “invitations” to students that meet their “established criteria” for membership.

After paying a “membership fee” to join, members are usually then given the “opportunity” to purchase more services, ranging from “Letters of Good Standing” with the organization, to graduation garb and attire.

Some offer small scholarships to some members, but the actual amount they give out is miniscule compared to how much they take in.

Sadly, there is nothing illegal about how these companies operate. If you look deep enough and read all of the fine print, they are operating within the boundaries of the law.

It is the student’s responsibility to verify that the “honors” bestowed upon them by these organizations are worth more than the fives cents of paper and ink that they are printed on.

Normally, honors societies are required to be registered with the university or college that they are recruiting at, and in addition are usually required to have a faculty advisor.

To that extent, before you send your money to any of these societies, especially ones that you did not apply to, take the time to check that they are indeed registered with your school.

Find out who their faculty advisor is and verify the organization’s legitimacy with them.

The most recent invitation letter I received stated right on the letterhead that they were an “officially registered student organization on the campus of Montclair State University.”

However, a search of the SGA organization listings turned up no record of their existence.

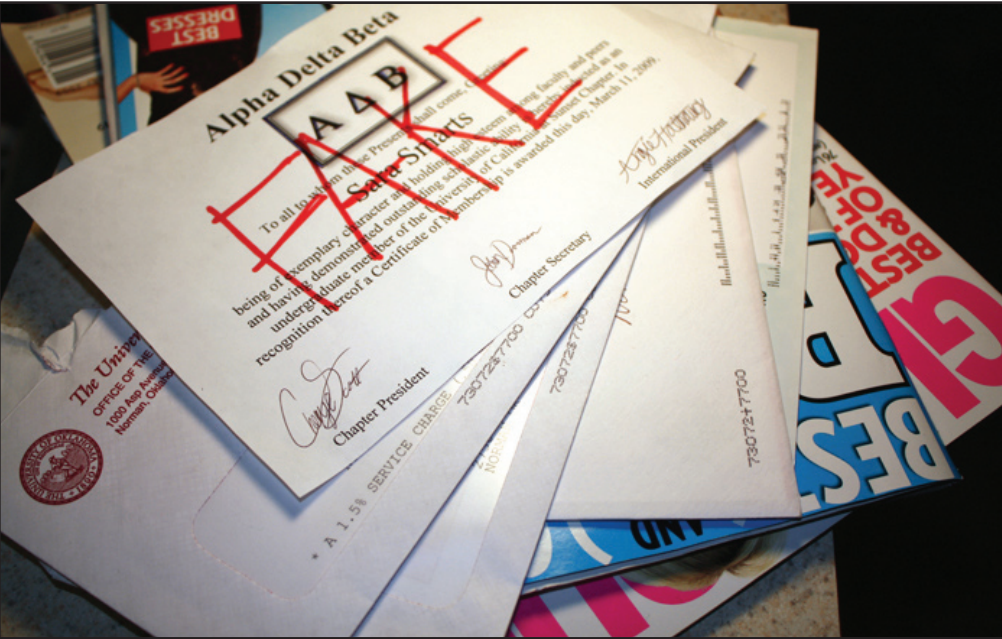
After writing to the organization’s executive director in Florida, they took it upon themselves to get in touch with MSU and have their affiliation verified.

As it turned out, they did have a local chapter on campus here at MSU, they just didn’t take the necessary steps to get fully listed as a student organization.

Like many other scams that are around today, these honor society scams play to the victim’s ego and bank on the concept that a student will indeed feel “honored” to be allowed to join their organization.

Hopefully, if you are a student with a GPA above 2.0, you have the knowledge to look into anyone or any organization that blindly solicits you for money.

Remember, do your homework, especially before you shell out cash to anyone!



Courtesy of The Oklahoma Daily

Quick Facts about Montclair State University

- *Forbes* Magazine ranked Montclair State University top 25 best buys in the Northeast.
- The annual undergraduate student tuition rate is \$7,042.
- The annual graduate student tuition rate is \$11,682.
- There will be 35 new faculty are being recruited for the 2010 fall semester.

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